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## **Kankakee County Man Charged with Tax Evasion**

Urbana, IL – Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a Kankakee county man made his initial appearance in federal court today in Urbana to face tax charges. According to court documents, Brent K. Goselin, age 29, of Buckingham, Illinois, was arrested today, February 6, 2006. The indictment charging Goselin was returned by a federal grand jury on Friday, February 3, 2006, and was sealed pending Goselin's arrest and initial appearance. U.S. Magistrate Judge David G. Bernthal released Goselin on his own recognizance and scheduled arraignment for February 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. The indictment charges Goselin with two counts of filing a false tax return, one count each for tax years 1999 and 2000, respectively, and one count of tax evasion related to tax year 2001.

The indictment alleges Goselin earned limited income as a construction worker and was employed in 1999 and 2000 by a Kankakee construction firm. For tax year 1999, Goselin filed a federal tax return and reported his adjusted gross income as \$19,180; for tax year 2000, Goselin reported his adjusted gross income as \$10,395 which included \$6,760 in unemployment compensation. For tax year 2001, Goselin allegedly failed to file a tax return with the IRS.

The indictment alleges, however, that Goselin actually received substantially more income during those years, including income derived from drug trafficking, which generated substantial amounts of cash. As alleged in the indictment, the defendant made mostly cash deposits to his bank account which would result in actual adjusted gross income of at least \$63,252 in 1999; \$98,179 in 2000; and, \$54,525 in 2001. As a result, the indictment alleges Goselin willfully failed to pay more than \$40,000 in federal income taxes due to the IRS.

According to the indictment, as a result of his receiving substantial income, failing to report that income to the IRS, and willfully failing to pay federal income taxes, Goselin allegedly enabled himself to purchase several assets:

- ▶ In November 1998, Goselin purchased a Chevrolet Tahoe for approximately \$18,668 and obtained a loan to finance the purchase. Using primarily cash, the defendant was able to pay off the loan approximately eight months later.
- ▶ In June 1999, Goselin purchased a home in Bourbonnais, Illinois for \$110,000. Goselin provided \$30,000 as a cash down payment and financed the balance of \$80,000 with a mortgage loan. Within one year of purchasing the home, the defendant paid off the mortgage loan, almost entirely with cash.
- ▶ In December 1999, Goselin purchased a 1998 Lincoln Navigator and obtained a loan of \$23,187 to finance the purchase. Within one month of the purchase, the defendant paid off the loan by using cash and money from his bank account.

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- ▶ In August 2000, Goselin purchased a Chevrolet Corvette for \$39,591, of which \$29,690 was financed, with the balance paid from a cashier's check drawn on the defendant's bank account. By February 2001, Goselin paid off the loan, using almost entirely cash payments.
- ▶ In November and December 2000, Goselin invested approximately \$18,000 in stock. By February 2001, Goselin sold the stock and realized a gain of approximately \$21,000.
- ▶ On or about March 26, 2001, Goselin purchased a mink coat with \$2,400 in cash.

The indictment further alleges that from early 2001 to April 2002, Goselin conducted numerous cash financial transactions to conceal his true amount of income and to avoid having his bank report single cash transactions of \$10,000 to the Secretary of the Treasury, as required by federal law, Goselin allegedly structured individual cash deposits of less than \$10,000 to his account on various days of the same month, which together totaled more than \$10,000.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy A. Bass.

U.S. Attorney Heaton said, "Federal income tax obligations apply to all citizens, including those who receive their income in nefarious ways. Where appropriate, we will use the tax laws to prosecute those who evade paying their fair share."

Byram Tichenor, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Revenue Service, said, "The IRS Criminal Investigation Division takes much pride in being the premier financial investigative agency in the world. All income is taxable and Mr. Goselin, as well as every American, has a duty to pay their fair share."

If convicted, the maximum statutory penalty for tax evasion is five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000; for filing a false tax return, each count carries a statutory penalty of up to three years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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